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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 6779

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT PRIORITY ACTION TO BANGKOK
INFO VIENTIANE ON 03 MAR 78 FROM AMCONSUL UDORN AND IS REPEATED
FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 0050

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF TH LA
SUBJECT: CONDITIONS AT NONG KHAI DETENTION CENTER

REF: (A) UDORN 0028 (NOTAL) (B) UDORN 0035 (NOTAL)

1. CONREP VISITED NONG KHAI PROVINCIAL DETENTION CENTER,
LOCATED ONE KILOMETER FROM REFUGEE CAMP, MARCH 1.
HE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TRANSFERRED 329 HMONG DETAINEES
FROM CENTER TO REFUGEE CAMP MARCH 1. REFUGEE CAMP OFFICIAL
WHO SUPERVISED MOVEMENT EXPLAINED THAT MOI BANGKOK
APPROVED NONG KHAI GOVERNOR CHAMNAN POTHCHANA'S REQUEST
TO CLASSIFY THIS GROUP OF HMONG, MOST OF WHOM HAVE RELATIVES
IN N.K. CAMP, AS POLITICAL REFUGEES AND ALLOW THEM TO
ENTER CAMP. CAMP OFFICIAL DID NOT INDICATE FATE OF 266
HMONG WHO REMAIN IN CENTER. OFFICER ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED
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150 OF LAO IN CENTER TO BE TRANSFERRED SOON TO NEW
DETENTION CENTER IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE.

3. DETENTION CENTER RECORDS NOW INDICATE TOTAL OF 997
RPT 997 INMATES REMAINING AS OF MARCH 1, CONSISTING
OF FOLOWING: 700 LAO; 270 HMONG; 30 THAI DAM/THAI
NEUNG.

4. PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AT CENTER REMAIN LARGELY UNCHANGED.
HEAVY CONGESTION (NEARLY ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVING
ON LESS THAN ONE ACRE OF LAND), INADEQUATE SANITATION
FACILITIES, AND LACK OF BEDDING/MOSQUITO NETS AND
OVERHEAD COVER APPEAR TO BE MAJOR PROBLEMS. US VOLAG
CAMA SERVICES PROVIDED SOME SUPPLIES FEBRUARY 10 (REF B)
TO PROTECT REFUGEES FROM THE ELEMENTS BUT MORE IS URGENTLY
NEEDED.
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